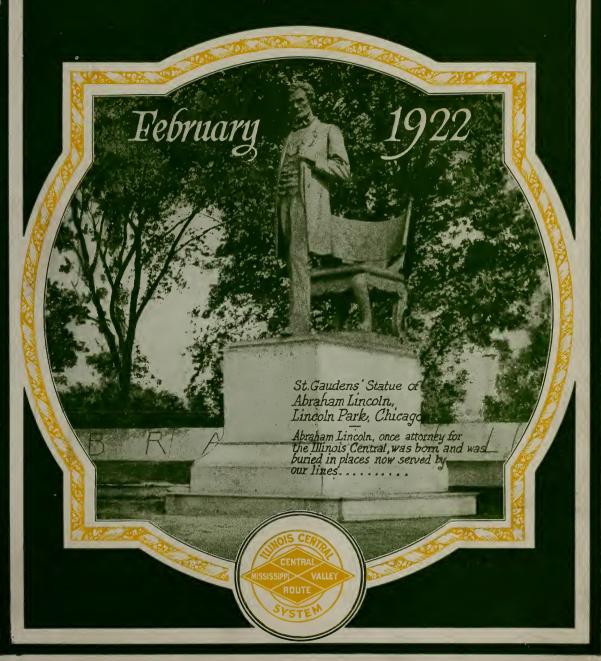
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## Springfield—a Lincoln City in Illinois

## State Capital, on Our Lines, Has Many Reminders of Its Famous Former Citizen and President of U. S.

HE names of Abraham Lincoln and Springfield, Ill., are inseparably linked together. It was there that he lived and practiced law. His political ambitions were born there. It was from there that he went as chief magistrate of the nation. And his final resting place is there.

Springfield is rich with memorials of the martyred president. The most striking of them is the monumental tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery. It was constructed with funds collected by the National Lincoln Monument Association, formed May 11, 1865. Sunday schools, lodges, army organizations, individuals and states made voluntary contributions. Construction was begun in November, 1899, and the structure was completed June 1, 1901.

The monument, built of Quincy granite, consists of a square base 721/2 feet on each side and 15 feet 10 inches high. At the north side of the base is a semi-circular projection, the interior of which is the vestibule of the catacomb, and gives access to view the crypts in which are placed the bodies of Mrs. Lin-

coln, the sons and the grandson, Abraham Lincoln, son of Robert T. Lincoln. On the south side of the base is a similar projection. The interior of this is elliptical; it is called Memorial Hall. The entire base, including these two projections, measures 1191/2 feet from north to south, and 721/2 feet from east to west.

## Steps Lead Up to Terrace

In the angles formed by the addition of these two projections are handsome fights of stone steps. There are two on each end. These steps are projected by granite balustrades which extend completely around the top of the base, forming a terrace.

From the plane of this terrace rises the obelisk, or die, which is 28 feet 4 inches high from the ground and tapers to 11 feet square at the top. At the angles of this obelisk are four pedestals of 11 feet diameter which rise 121/2 feet above the plane of the terrace.

Upon the four pedestals stand the four bronze groups which represent the four arms of the service: infantry, cavalry, artillery and



The Lincoln Home at Springfield

navy. A shaft rises from the obelisk, tapering to a square of 8 feet at the summit. A band, or chain, of shields passes around the obelisk and pedestals. Each shield bears the name of a state.

At the south end of the obelisk is a square pedestal, 7 feet high, which supports the statue of Lincoln. This pedestal is ornamented with the coat of arms of the United States and is intended to typify the constitution of the United States. Mr. Lincoln's statue above it makes the whole an illustration of the position he took at the outbreak of the Civil War.

The body of Abraham Lincoln is in a cement vault beneath the floor of the catacomb.

Lincoln's old home at Eighth and Jackson streets is kept intact in Springfield. It is open to visitors.

Places made historic by events in Lincoln's life while he resided in Springfield are marked by bronze tablets.

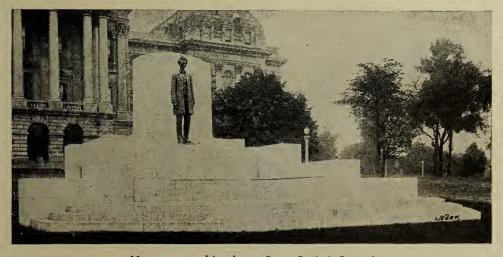
There are thirteen of them, and each one bears his name, the event which took place at that location and the date.

A statue which represents Abraham Lin-



Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery

coln as he appeared on the morning of February 11, 1861, when he said farewell to Springfield, has been placed before the Illinois State Capitol.



Monument to Lincoln on State Capitol Grounds

